

**GANGMEN THROW
LIGHT ON MURDERS****WIFE, CHARGING CRUELTY,
DIVORCES E. F. LUCKENBACH**

MRS. EDGAR F. LUCKENBACH. MARCUS PHOTO

Brooklyn Society Woman, Obtaining Decree in Texas.
Says Husband Called Her Names—Couple Formerly Entertained on Large Scale.

Brooklyn society received yesterday from Houston, Tex., the news that Mrs. Susan Luckenbach, wife of Edgar F. Luckenbach, the ship owner, had obtained a decree of divorce there. The grounds were non-support and cruelty.

The Hudson Dusters, "the Little Dogie," the "Neighbors' Sons" and the Sullivan gangs are others that are coming in for investigation.

Most of these gangs have taken part in labor trouble, and have been found to be sideshows as the cloakmakers, bakers, furriers, painters and rag pickers. At the present time Morris Strunniuk and Solomon Metz are under arrest, accused of killing Herman Liebowitz during the cloakmakers' strike in 1910. Samuel Dudek, a baker, is also in the Tombs awaiting trial for attempting to extort \$1,000 from David Messing during the recent trouble with the bakers' union.

During the coming week more than a hundred men will be brought to the Criminal Courts Building for examination by Mr. Delehanty. Many of the men are well known in the police as

gangsters and thugs.

Mrs. Luckenbach and Mrs. Clarence S. Smith, her travelling companion, were the only witnesses. Mrs. Luckenbach testified that her husband did not allow her to use his automobiles, refused her spending money and used abusive epithets almost every time he

spoke to her. The suit was uncontested.

Mr. and Mrs. Luckenbach built a fine house on Eighth ave., near President st., Brooklyn, about eight years ago, and until the past two years entertained extensively. They had a summer home in the exclusive Sea Gate colony, and Mr. Luckenbach was at one time commodore of the Atlantic Yacht Club there. His yacht, Sue named after his wife, was the scene of many dinner parties, and he also had a couple of small power boats.

He was a man of medium size, brown hair, of decided brunette type, always smartly and expensively dressed. His maiden name was Sue G. Vickers, and she is descended from an old Philadelphia family.

In the celebration held this year, she was the scene of many dinner parties, and he also had a couple of small power boats.

When the general plan of investigation has been determined it is thought Mr. Hayward will return to this city Tuesday to continue the work of preparation. He said last night they hoped to have the first public hearing on Wednesday, but it was not certain.

Two investigators from the Bureau of Municipal Research placed before Mr. Hayward and Mr. Mills yesterday afternoon the results of some inquiries on the work of the commission in the 1st District. So far the commission has not called upon to furnish any information.

The present intention is first to take up a number of specific complaints that have been sent to the Governor and later to go into the organization and work of the commission. These complaints include charges that the commission has not investigated matters it has been asked to go into, and that orders to public service corporations have not been enforced.

As only \$5,000 has been appropriated for the expenses of the investigation, it is thought it will be necessary to have a meeting late this week, to which Mr. Gompers and Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor, will be invited, at which an organizing committee will be appointed.

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PLAN TRANSIT UNION

A. F. of L. Asked to Aid Work of Organization.

A resolution was passed yesterday by the Federated Central Body, composed of representatives of the various central organizations of labor unions in Greater New York and its vicinity, to ask Samuel Gompers and other officers of the American Federation of Labor to co-operate in a movement for organizing subway, elevated railroad and trolley employees.

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FINDS WIFE OUT; DIES

Deserted Apartment Tempts Man to Kill Himself.

David Frankel, a real estate dealer, entered his apartment at 390 West 17th st. yesterday afternoon, found that his wife and daughter were out and committed suicide. It was said that she had been despondent for some time because of business losses.

When Mrs. Frankel returned at 4:15 o'clock and opened the door the rush of gas drove her to the street, where she called Patrolman Higgins of the West 17th st. station, to detect what she thought was a leak. The policeman discovered the body of her husband on the floor of the kitchen. Frankel had tied a tube so that it would not slip from his mouth and had been dead half an hour.

SEEK HOME FOR HAEFFNER WAIFS

UNIONS TO AID WORKERS

C. F. U. Calls Conferences Which Begin This Week.

Officers of the Central Federated Union announced yesterday that they had called a series of conferences of all affiliated unions to discuss what measures could be taken for the relief of the unemployed. The first will be held early this week.

The relief plans now in operation would not fully meet the situation, the F. C. U. members said. The resources of some of the unions were already taxed to their utmost capacity and other plans would have to be devised.

The ultimate disposition of the children will be left to the Children's Court, and they will probably be sent to some public institution. But those who have come in contact with these bright little boys recently are anxious that they have a good home.

Both parents are facing possible long prison terms under the indictments which have been found against them for abandoning their children. The father and mother are usually consulted as to what institution of their own religious belief the children may enter.

In this instance, however, the matter will be left to the discretion of the judge of the Children's Court.

To-morrow the parents will be arraigned before Judge Rosalsky in General Sessions. The children will be held by the Children's Society pending the pleading or trial of the father and mother.

SEEKS AERO GIRL'S GEMS

Executor Summons Miss Quimby's Mother to Court.

John A. Sleicher, executor of the estate of Miss Harriet Quimby, the aviator, who was killed in an aero crash near Boston July 1, 1912, applied yesterday to the Surrogate for an order directing Miss Quimby's mother to appear Tuesday and account for money and jewelry which, it is alleged, was given into her care by Captain C. L. Gardner, of Mount Vernon. Miss Quimby's traveling companion, declared to Mr. Sleicher she gave the bag and jewelry to Mrs. Quimby.

Mrs. Quimby, who was the sole beneficiary under her daughter's will, lives at 524 West 16th st.

CLAFLIN PLAN APPROVED

Assets \$13,455,117. Against Claims for \$45,188,977.

Judge Learned Hand, of the United States District Court, yesterday approved the H. B. Claflin Company reorganization plan. The court confirmed the report of ex-Judge Holt of the sale of the assets and accepted the percentage bid made by William B. Jones, acting for the Mercantile Stores Corporation and the H. B. Claflin Corporation.

Claims filed with the receivers aggregate \$45,188,977.48, and an estimate of the liquidation value of the assets is not more than \$13,455,117.10. The receivers are authorized to retain \$500,000 for administration charges. George P. Howland was appointed special master for the disputed claims of \$4,888,587.02.

"Everything looks rotten now," he wrote. "Everybody in New York seems well of you, and I am in like a burglar with the theatrical people there. Without me you can do a lot better. When I am with you I seem to act like a drag. You can divorce me when you want. You have evidence in Chicago."

Robinson, his wife said, was formerly a sporting writer for a newspaper and a promoter of prizefights.

His annual income, according to his wife, is about \$6,000. She asks what

ever alimony the court may award.

**HOTEL DE GINK
GUESTS TALK FARM**

Excitement Prevails When Davis Springs Back to the Land Plan.

**HOBOES CONGRESS
IN SESSION TO-DAY**

First of Its Kind. "Jeff" Says. Will Discuss Move.

"The Farm de Gink! Ain't that swell? Good news, hoss?" Jeff Davis, king of the hoboes, and of their Hotel de Gink, rushed into the hotel "office" last evening out of breath with excitement, just in time to tell an inquirer who had called to see if Theodore Roosevelt was among the visitors, about a farm that some one had offered for the "ginks" to work on.

When "Jeff" had caught his breath he explained that some "huck to the farm people," whose names he could not disclose, had offered to give the "hobos" a farm to work on somewhere up-state, taking their promissory note for payment, to be worked out on the farm.

The whole thing will be talked over at the Hoboes Congress this afternoon, the first one, "Jeff" says, ever held in this country. Nearly every state will be represented and the other "fixings" of the real article at Washington.

Last night the afternoon there will be a big blowout, and Al Johnson, of the Winter Garden, is coming down.

Great boxes of food were piled in the "lobby" last night, along with a few crates of extra dishes. King "Jeff" himself is going to make the mulligan stew, his first, he says, since he left Los Angeles, and after everybody has taken aboard a capacity cargo there's going to be an entertainment. Altogether it looks like a large day for the "hobos."

"Jeff" had a little trouble yesterday with his snariness, a real one, with excited hollers, yells and all the rest.

He was giving a line of revolutionary ideas, but "Jeff" said, "Nothing doing" and that went.

The gauge has been working hard since the "hobos" took their first flop on opening night. The barber shop, with "tree funds of water for yer face" and a boothblack's stand and the hospital, where an interne sits beside a real bed waiting for emergencies, are the latest acquisitions.

"There's lots of fellows knocking us," said "Jeff," "but don't bother about them. We're making good, and this is our home, and what's more we're having for it all."

INVESTIGATORS GET DATA ON P.S.C. WORK

Complaints Received That Officers by Commission Have Not Been Enforced.

William Haywood, counsel, and Senator Odgen L. Mills, a member of the legislative committee that is to investigate the Public Service Commission, spent most of the day at the Hotel Biltmore yesterday going over information sent them. At Albany tomorrow night there will be a meeting of the full committee.

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